

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1116

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Head Coach Malik Tabet and the 2009-2010 Austin Peay State University women's tennis team on winning the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is proud to salute the accomplishments of this State's successful collegiate athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, the 2009-2010 Austin Peay State University women's tennis team is one such estimable team which, under the capable direction of first-year head coach Malik Tabet, captured the Ohio Valley Conference (OVC) Tournament Championship; and

WHEREAS, after finishing the Ohio Valley Conference in second place with an impressive regular season record of eighteen wins to only three losses, the Lady Govs of Austin Peay advanced to the OVC Tournament for the first time since 2003; and

WHEREAS, opening with a 4-0 sweep of Murray State in the semifinals, the Lady Govs claimed their first OVC Tournament Championship since 1983 and their fourth overall with a thrilling 4-2 victory over Eastern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her outstanding performance throughout the season, Lady Gov Vanja Tomic was named OVC Player of the Year. She led the league with an 18-2 overall record and went a perfect 9-0 against OVC competition, and won her final seventeen consecutive matches; and

WHEREAS, Lady Govs freshman Carolin Weikard was named OVC Freshman of the Year after posting an overall record of 16-2, going 9-0 in league play, and ending her season by winning her final thirteen consecutive matches; and

WHEREAS, Lady Govs seniors Mariana Pagan and Michelle Liew were named to the Second Team All-OVC. Ms. Pagan compiled a remarkable record of 19-4 overall and 7-4 in OVC play while Ms. Liew posted a record of 15-8 overall with a 7-2 record in league play; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding young women of the 2010 OVC Champion Austin Peay Lady Govs are: Brittany Hays, Demi Georgakopoulos, Michelle Liew, Yuki Nakamura, Mariana Pagan, Vanja Tomic, and Carolin Weikard; and

WHEREAS, head coach Tabet and the Lady Govs were also benefitted by the hard work and dedication of the assistant coach, Tom Chicome; and

WHEREAS, displaying great sportsmanship and outstanding spirit, the members of the Austin Peay Lady Govs tennis team have conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate head coach Malik Tabet and the 2009-2010 Austin Peay State University women's tennis team on winning the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship and extend to them our best wishes for continued success in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.